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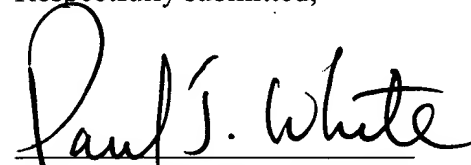
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Applicant in full compliance with the notice has corrected the amendment wherein the Remarks are on a separate page as stated in the amendment practice guidelines.

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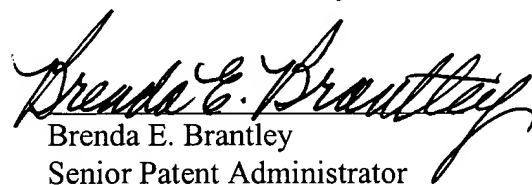
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